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SUBJECT: BRIEFING GOA ON MIDDLE EAST

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1. YOU MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING IN YOUR DISCUSSION WITH NAIM
AND ABDULLAH PRIOR THEIR DEPARTURE FOR MIDDLE EAST CAPITALS.

2. IT IS A SOURCE OF GREAT SATISFACTION TO ALL INVOLVED
THAT THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN
IMPLEMENTED WITH SCRUPULOUS GOOD FAITH ON BOTH SIDES. ALL
OF US CAN HOPE THAT THIS IS AN INDICATION THAT AGREEMENTS
CAN BE REACHED BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ITS NEIGHBORS AND
IMPLEMENTED IN A WAY THAT CONTRIBUTES TO PROGRESS TOWARD
AN OVERALL PEACE. ACHIEVEMENT OF ISRAEL-EGYPT DIS-
ENGAGEMENT IN JANUARY HAS GIVEN A MOMENTUM TO MIDDLE EAST
PEACE EFFORTS WE ARE ENDEAVORING TO CONTINUE BY GETTING
ISRAEL-SYRIA DISENGAGEMENT TALKS UNDERWAY. WE CONSIDER
ISRAEL-SYRIA DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT AS ESSENTIAL PART OF
STEP BY STEP APPROACH TO MORE COMPREHENSIVE MIDDLE EAST
SETTLEMENT. ALTHOUGH DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO SIDES REMAIN
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SUBSTANTIAL, WE CAN REPORT PROGRESS. ISRAEL HAS NOW

DESIGNATED DEFENSE MINISTER DAYAN TO COME TO WASHINGTON
FOR TALKS WITH THE SECRETARY ON MARCH 29.
HE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A HIGH
LEVEL SYRIAN REPRESENTATIVE. AFTER THIS WE WILL TAKE STOCK

AND ASCERTAIN HOW WE CAN BEST CONTINUE TO BE OF HELP. IN
THESE TALKS WE HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO BRING MATTERS
TO A MORE CONCRETE STATE.

3. WE ARE GRATIFIED AT THE GENERALLY FAVORABLE EVOLUTION
OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB WORLD, INCLUDING RE-
ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH EGYPT AND
ASSIGNMENT OF U.S. OFFICIALS TO AMERICAN INTERESTS
SECTION IN SYRIA. WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO PURSUIT OF
JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST THAT WILL MEET
LEGITIMATE CONCERNS OF ALL PARTIES -- ARAB STATES,
PALESTINIANS AND ISRAEL -- AND WE BELIEVE THERE
IS GROWING UNDERSTANDING IN AREA OF SERIOUSNESS OF OUR
DETERMINATION IN THIS REGARD.

4. FYI: USG REACTION TO LIFTING OF OIL EMBARGO NOT
YET ANNOUNCED. YOU SHOULD BE ALERT TO ANY USABLE
STATEMENT PRIOR YOUR MEETING NAIM AND ABDULLAH.
END FYI. KISSINGER

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